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Riga Alcohol Distillery

1. The Riga Spirta Rektifikacijas Iestade (Riga Alcohol Distillery) is located at Pioniero Street and Krona Street in Riga. in 1936. See Exhibit-A for layout of plant as described below. 50X1

2. The plant area is surrounded by an eight foot wire and spike fence. The main building shown as (A) on Exhibit (A) is a five story red brick building and contains, in addition to the administrative staff, a laboratory and the bottling departments.

(B) is the location of the three distilling columns (two continuous and one batch.).

(C) is the storage and distribution area for purified alcohol. This brick building is about 10 meters high.

(D) Crude alcohol storage tanks which are about 10 meters high.

(E) is a red brick two-story building for storage.

(F) is the main gate through which all employees pass. The check system was rather unique here. Each employee as he passed through the gate had to punch a button. A red or green light would come on according to chance. If the red light came on the employee was subjected to an investigation of his person and identity. Depending on the circuit set up there was a 1:2 to 1:5 chance of getting a red light.

(G) is the power plant, a 20 meter white brick building. Superheated steam was produced at a pressure of 35 kilograms per square centimeter. The product of the distillery was purified alcohol, made from raw alcohol received from district distilleries, and absolute alcohol made by the method of azeotropic distillation.

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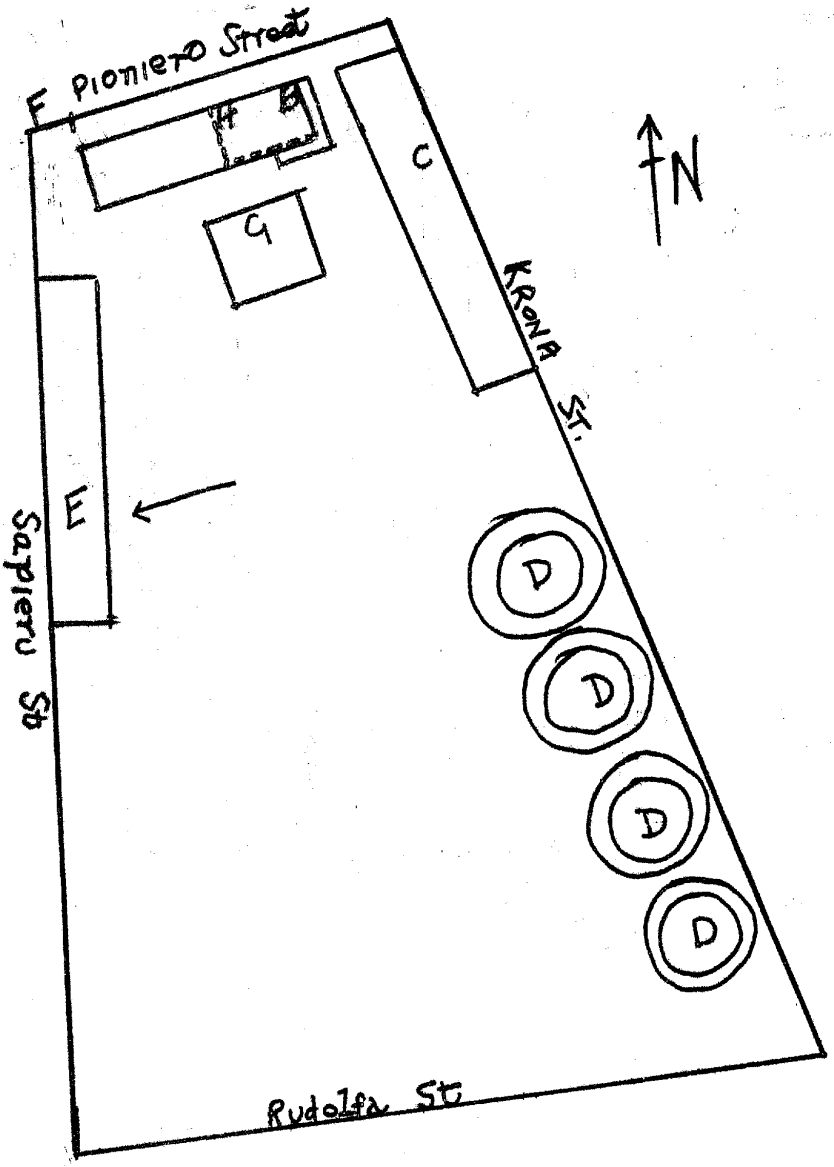
EXHIBIT-A



Rigas Spirta Rektifikacijas Iestade

(Alcohol Distillery in Riga)

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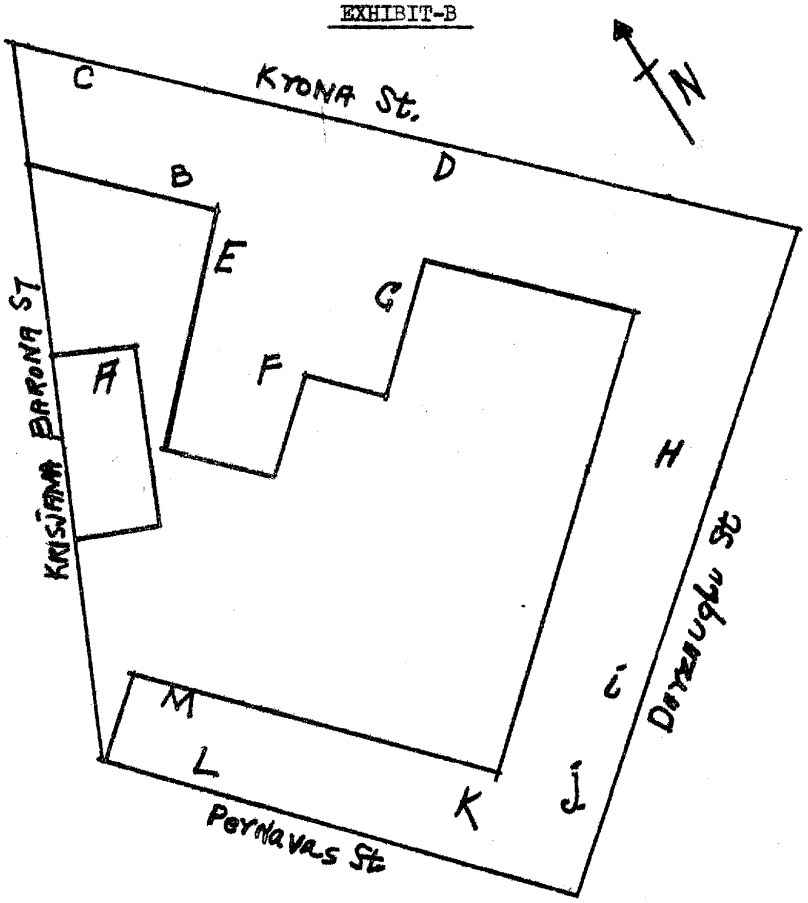
Riga Lead and Zinc Paint Works

3. [redacted] the Lead and Zinc Paint Works in Riga. /See Exhibit (B) for layout of plant as described below:/

4. (A) The administration building which included the apartment of the Chief Chemist.
(B) The laboratory.
(C) The zinc oxide packing division. 50X1
(D) The zinc oxide division.
(E) The lead white chambers (old type).
(F) The lead white dryer.
(G) The lead white division.
(H) Storage
(I) The lead oxide furnace
(J) The barrel division.
(K) The acetic acid division.
(L) The machine shop.
(M) The power plant and boiler (approximately 500 H.P.).

The buildings are approximately three stories high on the average, although the height varies with the function in that area. The building was designed around the process. There was a 30 ft brick wall on both sides of the administration building to enclose the whole area. The input capacity of the plant was about five thousand pounds of zinc and five thousand pounds of lead per day. This was the largest factory for mineral paints in the Baltic States. The lead and zinc was imported from other countries. The products of the plant were (a) lead minium, normal and for high dispersion from lead white; (b) lead white; (c) paint quality zinc oxide; (d) chemically pure zinc oxide; (d) lithopone.

EXHIBIT-B



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